

We claim:

1. A method of providing services using a card, comprising:
 - providing said card to a customer;
 - providing laundry facilities to said customer, wherein said card can be used to pay for use of said laundry facilities; and,
 - providing a telephone service to said customer, wherein said card can be used to pay for use of said telephone service.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a check cashing service to said customer, wherein said card can be used to identify said customer prior to said providing said check cashing service.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a bill paying service to said customer, wherein said card can be used by said customer to pay bills.
- 15 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said customer can pay said bills electronically with said card with an electronic fund transfer.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein said card is a smart card.
- 20 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said card comprises a bar code.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein said card comprises a magnetic stripe.
- 25 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said card comprises a photographic image of said customer.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein said laundry facilities can be paid for with said card by contacting said card with a card acceptance device.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein said telephone service comprises long distance charges.

11. A method for a consumer to use a card, comprising:

- 5 obtaining said card;
- adding value to said card;
- using said card to purchase laundry facility goods and services; and,
- using said card to purchase a telephone service.

10 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising using said card to identify said consumer prior to using a check cashing service.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising using said card to pay bills.

15 14. The method of claim 13, wherein said consumer can pay said bills electronically with said card with an electronic fund transfer.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein said card is a smart card.

20 16. The method of claim 11, wherein said card comprises a bar code.

17. The method of claim 11, wherein said card comprises a magnetic stripe.

25 18. The method of claim 11, wherein said card comprises a photographic image of said consumer.

19. The method of claim 11, wherein said laundry facility goods and services can be paid for with said card by contacting said card with a card acceptance device.

30 20. A card, comprising:

means for allowing a user of said card to electronically purchase laundry facility goods and services; and,

means for allowing said user to purchase a telephone service.

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